



## History Day FAQ

<p><b>What are the source requirements?</b></p>	<p>The official National History Day rules state that you must have <i>two primary sources</i> and <i>two secondary sources</i>. Ancillae requirements are more than the minimum sources.</p>
<p><b>What is a primary source?</b></p> <p><i>See:</i>  <a href="http://www.nhd.org/PrimarySourceMaterial.htm">http://www.nhd.org/PrimarySourceMaterial.htm</a>  for more information</p> <p><i>Individual quotes taken out of context are not used as primary sources.</i></p>	<p>Primary sources are materials directly related to a topic by time or participation. These materials include letters, speeches, diaries, newspaper articles from the time, oral history interviews, documents, photographs, artifacts, or anything else that provides first-hand accounts about a person or event.</p>
<p><b>What is a secondary source?</b></p> <p><i>See:</i>  <a href="http://www.nhd.org/SecondarySources.htm">http://www.nhd.org/SecondarySources.htm</a>  for more information</p>	<p>Secondary sources are works of synthesis and interpretation based upon primary sources and the work of other authors. They may take a variety of forms. Some examples are: reference books, non-fiction books &amp; journals.</p>
<p><b>Where can I find primary and secondary sources?</b></p>	<p>You can find secondary sources at Ancillae's library and local public or college libraries.</p>
<p><b>What resources does Ancillae's library have?</b></p> <p><i>Tip:</i> if you are unable to locate sources, broaden your search terms.</p>	<p>The Reference and Non-Fiction sections of the library are good places to begin research. You will need to develop a list of keywords and/or subjects. Use the keywords /subjects to search the card catalog and the indexes.</p>
<p><b>Use these databases to find primary and secondary sources:</b></p> <p><i>Primary sources should be a minimum of ten sentences and used in context. See Mrs. Zajko or your Social Studies teacher if you have any questions about the suitability of your source.</i></p>	<p>From the Online/Databases page of the Fiat Library web site access these sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gale/UXL Student Resource Center Junior</li> <li>• Gale Virtual Reference Library</li> <li>• ABC-CLIO World History / Ancient History / American History</li> <li>• Annals of America</li> </ul> <p><i>(also available in hard copy)</i></p>

<p><b>Primary sources are also available at:</b></p>	<p><i>Library web page:</i> Go to the Destiny home page and select Fiat Library wiki. From wiki: Select: Primary Sources</p> <p><i>National History Day website</i>  <a href="http://www.nhd.org/ResearchSources.htm">http://www.nhd.org/ResearchSources.htm</a></p>
<p><b>Do I need to do a Works Consulted?</b></p>	<p>A Works Consulted is required. For History Day, the Works Consulted is titled “Annotated Bibliography”.</p>
<p><b>What does an Annotated Bibliography need to include?</b></p> <p>You must write an annotation for each source. See your research manual for an example. <i>See also:</i>  <a href="http://www.nhd.org/AnnotatedBibliography.htm">http://www.nhd.org/AnnotatedBibliography.htm</a> for more information.</p>	<p>It should contain all sources that provided usable information or new perspectives in preparing your entry. Sources of visual materials and oral interviews must be included. The annotations for each source must explain how the source was used and how it helped you understand your topic.</p>
<p><b>How do I set up my Annotated Bibliography?</b></p> <p><i>See Mrs. Zajko or your teachers for help if you have any questions.</i></p>	<p>List all your primary sources first, according to MLA format, under the heading Primary Sources. Underneath your Primary Sources, make a heading titled Secondary Sources and list all your secondary sources following MLA format.</p>
<p><b>Other important information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <i>Grolier Online</i> (Multimedia Encyclopedia &amp; New Book of Knowledge) / <i>World Book</i> / <i>Britannica</i> / <i>Compton's</i> are <b>not approved sources</b>. May be used as background to help you understand your topic but it is not to be used as a source for research for Annotated Works Consulted. Exception: <i>World Book primary source module</i></li> <li>❖ All your sources will need to be approved by your Social Studies teacher</li> <li>❖ All print sources must have a source citation sheet attached. Your preliminary annotation will be written on the back of the source citation. Database source citations need to be highlighted with the annotation written on the bottom or back of the last page.</li> <li>❖ Your sources must be balanced. This means that you need a combination of print and database sources. Internet sources may not comprise more than 50% of your total sources and must be evaluated and of <u>high quality</u>.</li> <li>❖ You will have time to research in Library and Social Studies class. Bring money for photocopying or printing.</li> </ul>	